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SUBJECT: Sino-US Talks

1. At FonMin JEDRYCHOWSKI's reception December 16 for Warsaw diplomatic corps, first question FonMin asked me when I engaged him in informal conversation concerned US Sino-Soviet talks. He asked if I was pleased with results my conversation December 11, and also whether it appeared regular Sino-US talks would be held in Warsaw in future.

2. I responded that it was too early to speak of "results". As to possible resumption talks, we did not know what future would bring. Jedrychowski commented that Poland favored "talks between all parties", especially when difficulties existed between them.

3. All other senior Polish FonOff officials at reception expressed interest in Sino-US talks, although they were non-committal re their attitudes and did not ask for

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details. (First Polish press editorial on Sino-US talks appeared *Zycie Warszawy* December 17 and is being reported septel.)

4. Hungarian Ambassador told me he thought resumption of contacts "good thing". Czech Ambassador complained jokingly that talks were secret and said he hoped time would come soon when subject matter could be revealed. I had brief, non-substantive conversation with Soviet Charge, who did not raise Sino-US talks.

5. Chinese Charge himself was present at reception, accompanied by several Embassy officers (but not LO or LIU). He was aware of my presence but, although he had several occasions to do so, he seemed to wish to avoid direct contact with me, and I did not press him.

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